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# say tease

Burlesque is bawdy, sexy and racy—but it's not just about the strip **6-7**

A burlesque dancer who goes by the stage name Apple Venus performs in Wicker Park.

MIKE BURLEY FOR REDEYE

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# Lace up, track stars

You want local music talent? She's got it. You want competition? Yep, she's got that too. Every Monday, RedEye columnist/reporter/blogger Kyra Kiles pits tracks by Chicago MCs, singers and rockers against one another in a fight for supremacy—or at least some hard-earned Web respect—then announces the winners on her blog and in the newspaper on Wednesdays. It's called Track-off, and this week's victor was "Money" by V.E.R. (right) featuring Rediculus. Visit [redeyechicago.com/kyles\\_files](http://redeyechicago.com/kyles_files) for official Track-off rules and to check out this week's competition, announced Monday.



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### TODAY'S FORECAST

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## Hyde Park Arts and Crafts Adventure

Hyde Park

Local and national artists display paintings, jewelry, fiber art and more. Some exhibitors demonstrate techniques upon request. Outdoor Courtyard, University of Chicago Hyde Park Center, 1526 E. 55th Pl. 312-751-2500. Free.

## Banned Books Week Read-Out

Washington Square Park

Numerous authors read from and sign banned or challenged books in recognition of the American Library Association's annual Banned Books Week. Participants include Sarah S. Brannen ("Uncle Bobby's Wedding"), Steven Chbosky ("The Perks of Being a Wallflower"), Lauren Myracle ("TTYL"), Cecily von Ziegesar ("Gossip Girl" series) and Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell ("And Tango Makes Three"). Noon. Washington Square Park, 901 N. Clark St. 312-280-4223. Free.

## Chinatown Moon Festival

Near South Side

A Chinese harvest celebration features dragon and lion dances, kung fu performances, lantern and talent shows, merchants, and more. Noon. Chinatown Square, 2100 S. Wentworth Ave. 312-593-8099. Free.

### REDEYE/MMX PICK

#### Eli and Max Sussman cooking demonstration

Lakeview

The brothers demonstrate recipes designed for college students from their new cookbook "Freshman in the Kitchen: From Clueless Cook to Creative Chef." 6 p.m. Whole Foods Market, 3640 N. Halsted St. 773-472-0400. Free.



# Cocoa loco

### HIDDEN AGENDA

**★ The Chocoholic at Swissotel**  
Chicago, 323 E. Wacker Drive, 312-565-0565; swissotelchicago.com

**Check it out if you ...** find the best way to relax is with plenty of chocolate, could use a getaway but don't have the cash to travel, want to try new desserts around the city.

**The deets:** From Oct. 2 through Jan. 31, Swissotel offers a special overnight package for chocolate lovers. In addition to a hotel room, you'll receive warm brownies and made-to-order Toblerone Swiss almond

honey chocolate fondue in The Lobby Lounge, served with bananas, pineapple, strawberries, marshmallows and pound cake for dipping. The package also includes two tickets to the Chicago Chocolate Tour, a 2½-hour walking and tasting tour of several chocolate shops and cafes. Rates start at \$249 for October, \$229 for November and \$189 in December. **The payoff:** A sweet weekend retreat.

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### 'Desperate Housewives' premiere party

River North

Watch the Season 6 premiere of the ABC show while sipping \$6 martinis and grazing on a complimentary appetizer buffet. 8 p.m. Cityscape Bar (Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 15th Floor), 350 W. Mart Center Drive. 312-836-5000. No cover.

### Center on Halsted Auction Brunch

Lakeview

The event features auctions, live music by singer McKole Wells, cocktails and brunch prepared by students in the Center's What's Cookin? culinary program. 11 a.m. Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St. 773-661-0708. \$50 at [centeronhalsted.org](http://centeronhalsted.org).

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### Lakeview East Festival of the Arts

Lakeview

The annual fest features 160 juried artists in a variety of media, including paintings, sculpture, collage, photography, furniture, jewelry, ceramics and more. Also features demonstrations, a garden area with living statues from The Actor's Gymnasium, live music and food vendors. 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. 3200 N. Broadway. 773-348-8608. Free.

### REDEYE/MMX PICK

#### Chicago Gourmet

Millennium Park

Think of this as an upscale Taste of Chicago, where more than 50 local culinary stars such as Rick Bayless (Frontera Grill/Topolobampo), Jackie Shen (Red Light) and Paul Kahan (Blackbird) participate in cooking demonstrations and book signings and host gourmet tastings. Billed

as a "celebration of food and wine," the second annual event also features sommelier-led wine seminars, a book signing with Ted Allen, the host of Food Network's "Food Detectives" and "Chopped," and Grand Cru wine tastings (\$175 extra). 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-380-4128. \$150; \$250 for two-day pass at [chicagogourmet.org](http://chicagogourmet.org).

### Oktoberfest Chicago

Lakeview

Close out fest season with a weekend of bratwurst, beer and bands as St. Alphonsus, one of the city's oldest churches, celebrates its German roots at this ninth annual street party. Band highlights include Wedding Banned and Joe and Jutta & the Hi-Dukes (Saturday) and Maggie Speaks and Paloma (Sunday). Noon Saturday and Sunday. 3000 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-665-4682. \$5 suggested donation.

### THE GAMER

Who's playing at home



### MLB

#### White Sox vs. Detroit

6:05 p.m. Saturday

1:05 p.m. Sunday

U.S. Cellular Field



### MLS

#### Fire vs. Toronto

7:30 p.m. Saturday,

Toyota Park



### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### Northwestern vs. Minnesota

11 a.m. Saturday,

Ryan Field, Evanston



The Great Lakes are trying to tell you something.

## Beach Cleanup & After Party!

Join Shedd Aquarium for a beach cleanup and take some time to give back to our Great Lakes. This is a hands-on volunteer opportunity to directly impact the condition of the beaches many of us rely on for fun, relaxation, inspiration, and sustenance. It's not just a cleanup—it's a celebration of our Great Lakes!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009 North Avenue Beach, 1600 N. Lake Shore Drive 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

After party at Corcoran's (1615 n. Wells St.) for the first 100 participants (includes live music and one hour of Free food and drink).

For registration and more information, please visit [www.signmeup.com/66915](http://www.signmeup.com/66915)

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# deja view

## Put down the remote

How good was Neil Patrick Harris as host of the Emmy Awards on Sunday? So good that some of the award winners were praising the master of ceremonies before they thanked their publicists. Now that's Hollywood respect! In the spirit of the unstoppable N.P.H., RedEye hands out some awards to this week's newsmakers.



### BEST LATE NIGHT TALK SHOW GUEST President Obama

The commander in chief parked himself next to David Letterman on Monday. When Letterman asked if criticism about Obama's agenda is race-related, Obama quipped, "It's important to realize that I was actually black before the election." Hey-yo!

### BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA The Republican Party

GOP lawmakers in Washington use Twitter far more than their Democratic counterparts, according to a study released Wednesday by the Congressional Research Service. Republicans out-tweeted Dems 760-427 during a two-week period in July and August, the report said.

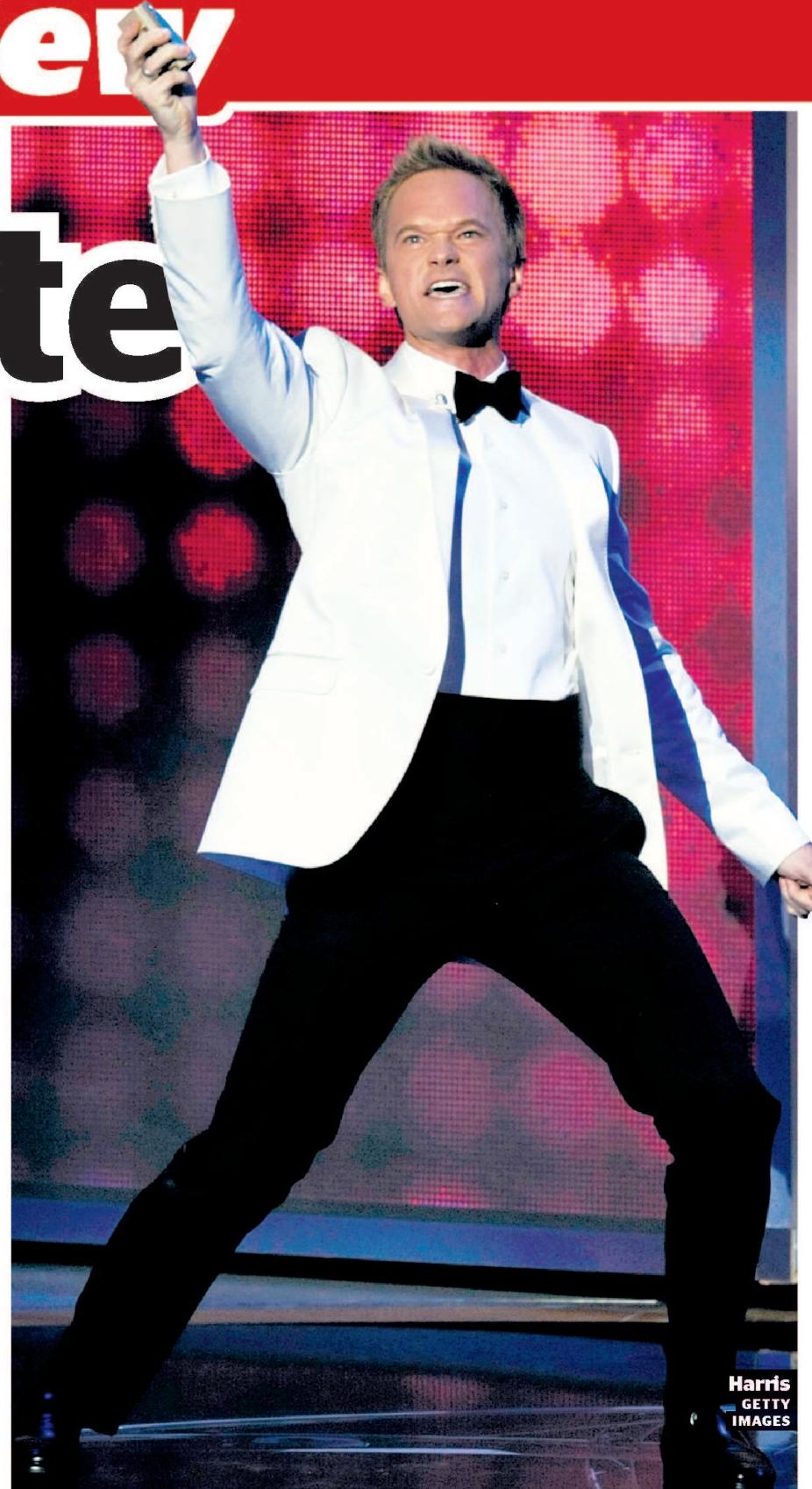


### BEST LEADING MAN IN A DRAMA Robbie Gould

The clutch kicker booted a 44-yard field goal with 15 seconds left Sunday to give the Bears a 17-14 win over the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

### BEST EXCUSE TO GET NAKED French factory workers

Fifteen men at a struggling gas heater factory in Ploufragan, France, posed nude for a calendar to call attention to their plight as dropping demand has put their jobs in peril. The beefcake calendar sold 2,000 copies at roughly \$10 each in its first three days.



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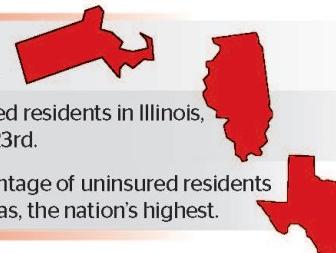
## HEALTH INSURANCE BY THE NUMBERS

Census data released this week revealed that where someone lives makes a difference in whether or not that person has health insurance, The Associated Press reported. Here are some of the stats from 2008.

**4.1** Percentage of uninsured residents in Massachusetts, the nation's lowest.

**12.8** Percentage of uninsured residents in Illinois, which ranks the state 23rd.

**24.1** Percentage of uninsured residents in Texas, the nation's highest.



## Heat index

RedEye takes the temperature of current events



### Olympic bid count-down

Less than a week to go!



### Old CTA rail cars

New ones ready in 2011



### Cabbies want raises

And \$50 vomit penalties



### U. of I. scandal

President resigning



### Bacon cocktails

Not like protein shakes



### Suspended Cub

Game over,  
Milton  
Bradley

# Bawdy language

**Don't call them strippers—today's burlesque is all about the show**

**By Ryan Smith**

FOR REDEYE

Clad in a sleek pink dress, her light blond hair styled in bouncy curls, Natasha Minsk captured Madonna's classic "Material Girl" look.

As the beats of Madonna's '80s hit began to pulse through the Wicker Park nightclub on a recent Friday night, Minsk seductively waved a feathered fan and delicately removed her long, white gloves, teasing a full house of 150 men and women with her deliberate routine.

Minsk then slipped off her sequined top, shimmied out of the dress and finally tossed aside her bra, occasionally blowing kisses to a rapt audience. As the final seconds of the song faded, she sashayed across the stage wearing nothing but two shimmering pasties and a G-string decorated with a tiny pink ribbon.

In the audience at Exit's biweekly Absolut Sexy Show, Wicker Park resident Drew Allen, 27, quietly whistled his admiration.

"I suddenly have a newfound respect for Madonna," he told a nearby friend.

Over the course of the next hour, women with stage names such as Bonnie Babs and Red Hot Annie performed dances that began in costumes as traditional as a Depression-era frock and unconventional as an oversized satin cupcake—and all of them were as good as nude by the end.

This is the world of Chicago burlesque, a nearly century-old dance whose emphasis is on the tease more than the strip. Burlesque's

greater resurgence nationally and internationally is seen as a chance for some bawdy fun and, some would say, even a little empowerment for the performers who often are amateurs with other day jobs.

"True burlesque is more of a kitschy Vaudeville act than anything else," said Katie Laird, a burlesque fan in Houston. "It's all about the art of the striptease, a cheeky and titillating performance that can induce chuckles, cheers and longing sighs all at once."

Yet burlesque's growing visibility also is sparking debate. Is it performance art? Or is it, as some say, just a thinly veiled excuse to strip in public, even if most performers end a routine in pasties and G-strings?

Earlier this year in New York, burlesque performer Tara Lee Heffner filed a lawsuit against the Learning Annex for referring to her as a "porn star" in an online ad for classes she was teaching. She claimed the label damaged her reputation. And in London, one club owner shut down long-standing burlesque shows after being told he'd have to purchase an adult entertainment license, something generally reserved for more traditional strip clubs.

"The performers are interested in being sexy, but not being pornographic," said Rachel Shteur, a DePaul University professor who's written books about burlesque. "They're trying to strike this middle ground. But that's very difficult to do in our culture."

One Chicago burlesque dancer preferred

not to divulge her real name because she's looking for a job in the psychology field, but she does have one unlikely fan.

"Even my super-conservative grandmother is totally OK with it," said the 28-year-old woman who performs as Cherokee Rose. "I wish people in my field were more accepting of this. But sadly, they're not."

Michelle L'Amour, who produces Rose's troupe and is one of a few dancers to make a living at burlesque since its comeback in the last decade, said it's no wonder people are confused about what burlesque is when you have harder-core strip clubs featuring burlesque performances or even pop music acts, such as the Pussycat Dolls, referring to themselves as "burlesque troupes." Singers Cher and Christina Aguilera also are set to star in a movie titled "Burlesque."

"It's become a bit of a pitch word to hook people's interest," said L'Amour, 29.

Her style is classic, focused on subtlety, artfulness and humor. At recent shows produced by L'Amour, performances at Music Box



Theatre also included slapstick comedy acts and a campy magic show, as well as a couple of male "boylesque" performers.

For their part, performers talk about the camaraderie they feel with one another. Often, they create and oversee the shows themselves and make their own costumes.

"I'm a very visual person, so I like the idea of these over-the-top costumes, and I like the feminism of it," said Avondale dancer Annie Weinert, 29, who performs under the stage name Red Hot Annie. "I'm an exhibitionist by

## Burlesque bonanza

Oh la la! Dip a toe into Chicago's sea of burlesque with these performances, classes and comedy-striptease events. **LISA BALDE, METROMIX PRINT EDITOR**

### Belmont Burlesque Revue

*The Playground Theater  
3209 N. Halsted St., 773-871-3793*

Snag tickets to this oft-sold-out variety show featuring classic burlesque by the Belmont Bombshells, plus stand-up comedy and even a few magic performances. Look for themed shows every third Saturday of the month; next up is jungle-themed "The Sass Menagerie" on Oct. 17. BYOB. 11:59 p.m. Saturdays. \$10. Tickets: [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

### The Wild Party Variety Hour

*Prop Thtr  
3504 N. Elston Ave., 773-539-7838*

Silent Theatre's weekly bout of Chicago burlesque and modern vaudeville tends to trade plot for stage antics and comedy. It's not the take-off-your-clothes affair of other burlesque performances, but the "Variety Hour" is sure to provide just as much allure. 10:30 p.m. Saturdays. Ends Oct. 3. \$10. 773-597-5403.

### No Tell Motel

*Debonair Social Club  
1575 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-227-7990*

Through Nov. 25, this Bucktown-Wicker Park dance club transforms itself into a raunchy motel (beds included, naturally) that hosts saucy performances by the Riplettes, Natasha Minsk of the Honey Buns Burlesque and more. Don't expect these dancing gals to be clothed for long. RSVP to [info@debonairsocialclub.com](mailto:info@debonairsocialclub.com) for a hosted champagne reception. No cover. 9 p.m. Wednesdays.

### Beginning Burlesque

*Galaxie Chicago  
2603 W. Barry Ave., 773-267-6010*

Get an introduction to burlesque performance during a one-off beginner class (\$15) or a six-week how-to series (\$80) that starts Friday. Want something a little more ... advanced? Check out biweekly Burlesque for Performance lessons. All classes are taught by local burlesque performer Ms. Bea Haven, who struts her stuff weekly during Salon de Vine (7 and 9 p.m. Sundays at Joie de Vine, 1744 W. Balmoral Ave.).

Fanny Tastic, a member of the Chicago Starlets burlesque troupe, performs at the Music Box Theatre. AP FILE



nature, so the idea of performing and taking my clothes off absolutely turns me on."

How broad is the dance's appeal? Weinert estimated Chicago audiences are split evenly between men and women.

"Well, maybe a touch more men," she allowed. "There's a lot of couples and people that might be considered 'burlesque aficionados' who come to all the shows and know all the troupes in Chicago." RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. AP CONTRIBUTED.

### Lipstick

Joe's Bar on Weed Street  
940 W. Weed St.; 312-337-3486

Local burlesque mainstay Michelle L'amour and the rest of the Chicago Starlets perform with local stand-up comedians for the return of this striptease-comedy event. Next performance is Oct. 15. Want more L'amour? Hit up [studiolamour.com](http://studiolamour.com) for burlesque-minded photo ops, book readings and other delights. 9 p.m. \$10.

That's not all ...

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Pamela Neko performs under the stage name Wham Bam Pam. MIKE BURLEY FOR REDEYE

# Wham Bam, outrageous and erotic

Pamela Neko has gobbled hot dogs on stage, donned a pig snout and curly tail to parody swine flu and even performed a Michael Jackson tribute just hours after the pop king's death—shocking the audience when she faked a heart attack.

Yet Wham Bam Pam, as she's known in the burlesque world, may top all of her prior stage antics with her latest project, "A Big Lebowski Burlesque," in which she dons a fat suit to portray Walter, the character played by John Goodman in the 1998 Coen brothers movie. (The show wraps up at Gorilla Tango Theatre on Saturday with two performances, but it will be extended next month at Chopin Theater.)

RedEye caught up with the 27-year-old self-described "ditzy and nerdy" office clerk for insight into her life as a burlesque dancer.

#### How strange is it to play Walter in "A Big Lebowski Burlesque"?

Considering that I'm carrying an AK-47 and I have to strip out of a fatsuit, it's a little unusual. But Walter is my favorite character in the movie, and it's really fun to shock people and make them think about Walter in an erotic way.

#### How do you come up with your acts?

I usually do one of three things. It can either be something from pop culture, like I do a Jessica Rabbit act or Marilyn Monroe from "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend." Or I watch the news and take something everyone is upset about and make it into something really awful that people love to watch, like the time I did a swine flu routine. The third thing I do is eat a phallic food item on stage.

#### So it's not your typical striptease?

I want to do something that is sexy, but I also want to take something that is grotesque or classic or wholesome and twist it to be sexy in a way where people watch and think it's sexy but in the back of their mind, it's kind of gross. I want people to think about sexuality in more open terms and realistic terms instead of thinking that what they see on TV or Maxim magazine is the only kind of sexy.

#### How well does burlesque pay?

A lot of performers joke that whatever money they make goes back into their rhinestone fund for their costumes, and that's pretty much true. A lot of my costumes cost more than what I make.

#### Do you get nervous before performing?

I don't even think about being naked. I'd walk down the streets naked and not think about it, but when I think about my choreography being good or my costume being appealing to people, that's what makes me apprehensive.

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## HEAR IT

### Free jazz

*Hood:* Hyde Park

Get a closer look at Hyde Park's music venues, art halls, museums and park stages while taking in loads of exemplary local and regional jazz during the 3rd annual **Hyde Park Jazz Festival** (various locations). If you missed the city's free Jazz Fest in Grant Park earlier this summer, this is your second shot to see some of the same artists, this time in a few intimate venues. Don't know where to go first? Catch sets by the incomparable Dee Alexander, singing at 6 p.m. at the James W. Wagner Stage on the Midway (1130 Midway Plaisance North) and at midnight at U.I.'s International House (1414 E. 59th St.), and saxophonist Ari Brown, playing at 3:30 p.m. at Hyde Park Union Church (5600 S. Woodlawn Ave.). Get the full schedule at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

**When:** 11 a.m.-midnight Saturday

**Cash:** Free



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Dee Alexander  
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Randolph Street  
Market Festival  
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## DRINK IT

### Good as Gould martini

*Hood:* Bucktown/Wicker Park

Keep the good vibes rolling for Bears kicker Robbie Gould, who scored last weekend's game-winning field goal against the Steelers, with a little liquid love—even if you're enjoying a romantic night out away from the TV. Carl Anderson, owner of date-destination **Between Boutique Cafe and Lounge** (1324 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-292-0585), pays tribute to the Bears' new season with the Good as Gould martini (\$5), made with Grand Marnier, Malibu, Goldschlager (naturally), pineapple juice and a spot of Red Bull. Served in a pint glass and garnished with a cinnamon stick, this is sure to get you geared up for game time. Just don't let your date know you're thinking about sports.

**When:** 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (brunch) and 6 p.m.-2 a.m. (dinner) Sunday

**Cash:** \$5 for a pint



## SHOP IT

### Antiques on Randolph—last call!

*Hood:* West Loop

Another week, another sign that summer's drawing to an end. This weekend's hint: The season's last installment of **Randolph Street Market Festival** (Randolph Street and Ogden Avenue). Scope vintage, antique and flea-market finds—and maybe even a few sales to usher out the season—during the indoor/outdoor flea market's last weekend. Stock up on holiday gifts (yes, it's almost that time of year again!) and, what the heck, get a little something for yourself. Bonus: Score a complimentary, chef's-choice appetizer at Red Light (820 W. Randolph St.) or Marche (833 W. Randolph St.) with your ticket to the fest.

**When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday;  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

**Cash:** \$8 online, \$10 at the gate

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## TASTE IT

### Local ribs

*Hood:* East Village/Ukrainian Village

What makes a plate of ribs a signature Chicago dish? Ask the 14

local restaurants vying for the title of Smoke-out Champion during Saturday's 2nd annual Rib-a-Que Smoke-out at **Moonshine** (1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686). Sweet Baby Ray's, Weber Grill, David Burke's Primehouse and Sheffield's are among the heavyweights pitting their Chi barbecue classics against one another for rib-rockin' street cred. Sample their entries over a pint of Moonshine microbrew (\$4) and place your vote alongside celeb judges "Top Chef" winner Stephanie Izard and Kendall College School of Culinary Arts Dean Chris Koetke. If this year's showdown is anything like last year, you can expect the foodie gloves to come off. Listen to tunes from the Matt Tyner Trio and Chris Gelbuda while you wait for the 6 p.m. naming of the winner.

**When:** Noon Saturday

**Cash:** \$35 at the door

# the it LIST

## WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEKEND

BY LISA BALDE

# the juice

## The Red Canary

695 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
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**LOVED IT:**  
Metropolis coffee  
(\$3)

**HATED IT:** Bland  
hashbrowns (\$2)

**BRUNCH TIME:**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Saturday; 10 a.m.-  
3 p.m. Sunday

**COST:** \$25 with  
tax and tip

**WAIT:** None

# Patio pleasures

By Matt McGuire

**The scene:** It was a bittersweet moment, sitting on the Red Canary's lovely back patio last weekend. The sun was shining. The temperature was a perfect 77 degrees. The coffee was hot, and the bloody marys were spicy. Our party of three had the entire place—restaurant, patio, you name it—to ourselves.

Then it hit me. The weather is getting cooler, and crowds soon will discover that this months-old nightspot has added a decent brunch to its lineup of fancy bar snacks. This ideal setting is going to be hard to replicate.

Co-owner Jamie Uhlir did his best to lay my concerns to rest, saying portable heaters are at the ready when the fall air turns crisp. But Uhlir and chef Rick Spiros already are editing the menu, dropping a so-so entree here, tweaking others there. They're also opening earlier to accommodate football watchers. (Football haters can find solace in another wing once the weather forces the patio doors closed.)

Many of these changes were made just

after the second week of service, and more changes likely are on the horizon. (It's worth mentioning Uhlir became a father during all of that too.)

Though initial brunch crowds have been slim, the staff's efforts seem to be working in the evenings. Since the Red Canary opened in mid-July, trendy crowds have flocked to the former-Avenue M space for its dramatic interiors, upscale bar snacks and well-heeled scene.

**The food:** If you closed down a bar the night before—the Red Canary, perhaps—and you're craving something big and greasy to coat your wounds, the Hangover (\$11), a big cheesy mess of shortribs, eggs and potatoes, should do the trick. The shortribs were beautifully tender though very underseasoned. And while cheddar fries and fried eggs make it an awfully heavy dish, perhaps it's exactly what you need to quell your pounding headache. If you're ready to start the party again, there's a bottomless bloody mary (\$20) and mimosa (\$18) bar waiting for you to get creative with a



**The Red Canary**  
DAN PETERSON FOR METROMIX

spread of ingredients.

On the sweeter side, brioche French toast (\$9) was light, fluffy and not overly fussy. The lemon ricotta crepes (\$9) were tart and creamy, and while a bit rich for an entree, they were a hit when

shared among our group. Perhaps it was more than just the patio that had us in a good mood.

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# pop

Sean Kingston

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## Jamaican vacation

In these increasingly complicated times, there's something to be said for music that's nice and easy.

Teenage sensation Sean Kingston has no aspirations of building anything serious or important with "Tomorrow." It's all about having a good time, and the 19-year-old—with help from producers J.R. Rotem, RedOne and Wyclef Jean—successfully delivers.

"Somebody call 9-1-1, shorty, fire burning on the dance floor," Kingston sings with his likable Jamaican lilt on the first single, "Fire Burning." With its uptempo beat and mainstreamed dancehall touches, "Fire Burning" sets the stage for the album and captures what Kingston does best.

The combination of reggae-tinged pop melodies and upbeat dance backdrops are perfect for the kind of escapism Kingston wants to offer on "Tomorrow." He touched on his hard times growing up in Jamaica on his debut. But this time out, he doesn't get more serious than "Face Drop," his next single, which talks about how chubby guys sometimes struggle with the ladies, singing, "Sayin' that I look better if I was thinner, don't you know you shoulda loved me for my inner."

Kingston gets a bit of rock edge teaming up with Good Charlotte on "Shoulda Let You Go" and taps into a bit of Jackson Five-ish innocence on the super-sweet "Ice Cream Girl" with Wyclef Jean. Today may be filled with heated battles and growing tension, but Kingston's "Tomorrow" is sunny and relatively trouble-free, which all sounds pretty good right about now. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

### LOVE IT

#### TV The Amazing Race

7 p.m. Sunday, CBS  
Forget that this show has won every—yes, EVERY—Emmy ever awarded for best reality competition series. Doesn't matter. What does matter is this globe-trotting adventure will make you laugh, weep and scream for your favorite team every single Sunday. It's like watching a Bears game—if Devin Hester were sprinting across a zoo in Bangkok instead of darting through defenses.

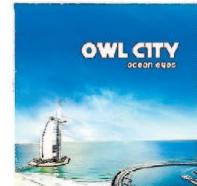


**Phil Keoghan, host of 'The Amazing Race'**  
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#### SONG Fireflies

Owl City  
Owl City takes the sensitive-electronic baton from

The Postal Service on its breakthrough single, which combines a spare, bleepy backdrop and sweet lyrics so cute that singer Adam Young practically swoons at the thought of fireflies teaching him how to dance. "Fireflies" is light, lovely fare that could float all the way up the chart.



GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

### LIKE IT

#### TV Children of the Corn

8 p.m. Saturday, Syfy  
As a Nebraska native and a corn farmer's grandson, I'm offended by this remake of the cult classic. As a TV critic, I'm offended by how badly the film wastes the talented David Anders and Kandyse McClure. They aren't given a whole lot to do but bicker, then flee from a group of creepy, fanatical kids—who are not at all like real Nebraskans. (Well, most of them anyway.) The movie was scary enough to make me think twice about visiting the parents.

CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

#### DVD Management

Available Tuesday  
Traveling alone on business, an attractive single woman named Sue (Jennifer Aniston) checks into a seedy Arizona roadside motel, only to find the tongue-tied night manager, Mike (Steve Zahn), lurking outside her door with a bottle of cheap wine, "compliments of the management." "You have a nice butt," he tells her. Zahn is the single biggest reason why this is a delightfully screwball romantic comedy and not a crazed-stalker film. And why it works.

THE WASHINGTON POST



### LOATHE IT

#### GAME Halo 3: ODST

Xbox 360  
The "Star Wars" movies should have taught all science-fiction writers a lesson: One trilogy is enough. Your enjoyment of "Halo 3: ODST" will depend on how devoted a "Halo" fan you are. While it's fun to try on the combat boots of someone other than Master Chief, none of the new characters is more than a battlefield cliche. You can whip through the solo campaign in about six hours, and its climactic revelation is a letdown.

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# Make fall your furniture fest

**Situation:** How can I find the best deals on furniture?

**Solution:** Take advantage of fall clearance sales.

I love fall in Chicago. The days shorten, the weather cools down (but not too much) and sale prices keep dropping. The weeks between Labor Day and Halloween are full of good deals on furniture and home goods. Here is a guide to fall sales, both online and in stores.

## Outdoor furniture

As the demand for outdoor items drops, stores are desperate to clear out their remaining stock. Look for furniture that can make the transition from a deck to a dining room. Pieces such as ceramic garden stools ([homede codirect.com](http://homede codirect.com)), bistro tables ([american countryhomestore.com](http://american countryhomestore.com)) and durable

outdoor rugs ([ballarddesigns.com](http://ballarddesigns.com)) can be used year-round indoors.

## Garden supplies

Shopping for flowerpots and shrubs in fall may feel counterintuitive, but you can get great deals on indoor plants that will last through the winter. Check out end-of-season sales with half-off prices at places such as Sprout Home (745 N. Damen Ave.) and Gethsemane Garden Center (5739 N. Clark St.) and online retailers such as Gardener's Supply ([www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com)).

## Upholstered furniture

Stores fill their showrooms with new collections in the fall, and they need to clear space by selling off old pieces. Through Oct. 12, you can get 15 percent to 25 percent off upholstered items at Crate and Barrel ([crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)) and 20 percent off at Jayson Home & Garden (r885 N. Clybourn Ave.).

## Shelving

In August, retailers sell a lot of shelving to college students moving into dorms and apartments. In September and October, it all goes on sale. The Container Store ([containerstore.com](http://containerstore.com)) holds an annual shelving sale with 25 percent off through Oct. 18.



## Sheets and more

Although fall and winter bedding generally aren't discounted this time of year, you still can find good deals on sheets, throw pillows and lightweight quilts. Check out Unison online ([unisonhome.com/sale](http://unisonhome.com/sale)) for up to 70 percent off modern bedding and pillows. Find sheets on clearance at Macy's ([macy's.com](http://macy's.com)), and look for throw pillows on sale at West Elm ([westelm.com](http://westelm.com)).

## Antiques

Flea market season is coming to an end, so make the rounds now to get the best end-of-season deals. Saturday and Sunday are the last days of the Chicago Antique Market ([chicagoantiquemarket.com](http://chicagoantiquemarket.com)) until next summer.



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□ 6321 N. Olcott  
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□ 1464 Chantilly Blvd.  
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□ 112 E. Westminster Rd.  
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□ 2719 N Sacramento  
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□ 410 Brad Court  
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## OAK PARK

□ 210 Washington Blvd.  
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## ORIOLE PARK

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□ 720 Juneberry  
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□ 8237 Kenton Ave.  
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President Obama arrives on stage in the East Room of the White House in March to sign an executive order on stem cell research. The spacious East Room is the most important all-purpose room in America—and has been for more than two centuries. AP FILE

## Beast of the East

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** Sure, the West Wing gets the glory. But the East Room gets the action.

Indispensable, yet overshadowed by more famous rooms such as the Oval Office, the roomy space at the end of the White House's first floor is more than a hub of activity. It's the most important all-purpose room in America. And has been for more than two centuries.

Consider that in President Obama's first two months in office, this was just a slice of his East Room lineup: two news conferences, two policy summits, four signings of bills and orders, a Cabinet announcement, a dinner for lawmakers, a reception for governors, a speech for mayors, an online town hall and a performance by Stevie Wonder.

Oh, and a conga line.

By now Obama and his wife, Michelle, have used the chandeliered room more than 60 times for a remarkably diverse string of events. Like that stretch in May when the room held a naturalization ceremony, a Cinco de Mayo celebration, a poetry slam and the introduction of a Supreme Court nominee.

If the White House has one room to count

**SIZE MATTERS**

In the White House, a building with more than 130 rooms, none is as big and flexible as the East Room—at nearly 80 feet long and 40 feet wide, it's almost the size of a high school basketball court. For a gathering of notable size, the gold-and-white East Room often is the only option, especially if dicey weather rules out the Rose Garden and the South Lawn.

on, this is it. Union troops encamped here. The Civil Rights Act was born here. Gerald Ford ended the "long national nightmare" here as he succeeded Richard Nixon after Watergate.

History will show that the East Room is the place where Barack Obama loosened restrictions on embryonic stem cell research, expanded health coverage for poor children and signed legislation to help workers sue for pay discrimination.

It also came in handy when Obama invited Democratic and Republican lawmakers for legislative schmoozing and a dinner of steelhead salmon and couscous.

"It's hard to move around out there sometimes," he told his guests, "so I've got to bring the world to me."

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Here's what I'm watching this weekend.

**MLB**
**Cubs at San Francisco**

 3:10 p.m. Saturday, Fox  
 3:05 p.m. Sunday, WGN

**NFL**
**White Sox vs. Detroit**

 6:05 p.m. Saturday, CSN  
 1:05 p.m. Sunday, CSN

**NFL**
**Bears at Seattle**

3:05 p.m. Sunday, Fox

**NFL**
**Indianapolis at Arizona**

7:15 p.m. Sunday, NBC

## five on one

The Bears are in Seattle this weekend. Bring back some salmon, fellas! Sign up for weekday Five on Five at [redeyechicago.com/facebookfives](http://redeyechicago.com/facebookfives).

**McBride**  
MCT FILE


## Fire & nice

Chicago's Brian McBride is one tough family man

**MORE ONLINE**

 For more from RedEye's interview with Fire forward Brian McBride, visit [redeyechicago.com](http://redeyechicago.com).

**By Ryan Smith**  
FOR REDEYE

Brian McBride wasn't supposed to return to action until November after he had surgery in July to repair a torn labrum in his right shoulder. Yet there he was last week, assisting on a goal in the Fire's 2-2 tie with Columbus in just his second game back.

"My legs aren't quite where they need to be as far as my explosiveness, but that's the sort of thing you build up," the 37-year-old forward said as the team prepared for Saturday's MLS game against Toronto at Toyota Park.

McBride, a native of Arlington Heights, sat down with RedEye earlier this week to talk about his season, his goal celebrations and his newfound fondness of wine. **RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

**How did you heal so fast?**

I don't think I could really tell you. The easiest explanation is that the doctor did a great job. Who knows?

**What's something interesting about you that most people wouldn't know?**

I've gotten into wine tasting in the past year, and that's been my one sort of hobby.

**You have a unique way of celebrating your goals. Could you explain it?**

The most important things in my life are my God and my family. I kiss my [wedding] ring after I score to make sure my wife knows that. She's been so supportive of me and is always there for me, so the least that I can do is acknowledge that big thing. And it's such a little thing to do. Also I make the sign of the cross for God and Jesus.

**How much longer do you see yourself playing soccer?**

That's a good question. I don't know. We'll see what happens at the end of this year and go from there. Right now, I feel good and I'm enjoying myself. I think I still have some years ahead of me, but I want to focus on these next four games and the playoffs. The main goal here is to win a championship—that's always been my goal since first coming back.

**Any predictions?**

[Laughs] I'm not a predictor, sorry.


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After two weeks, how is your fantasy football team looking?

A lot like Fantasia Barrino, an unlikely and raspy winner.

Still invisible.

The only thing I have going for me is Drew Brees (knock on wood).

Like the Bears. Complete crap one week, beating the champs the next week.

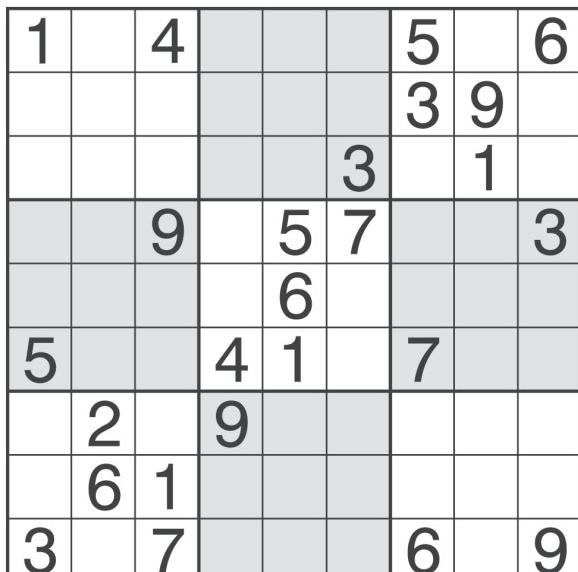
Better than the Lions, worse than the Patriots.

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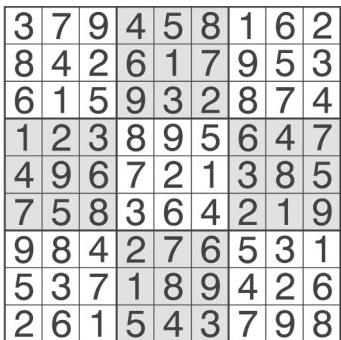
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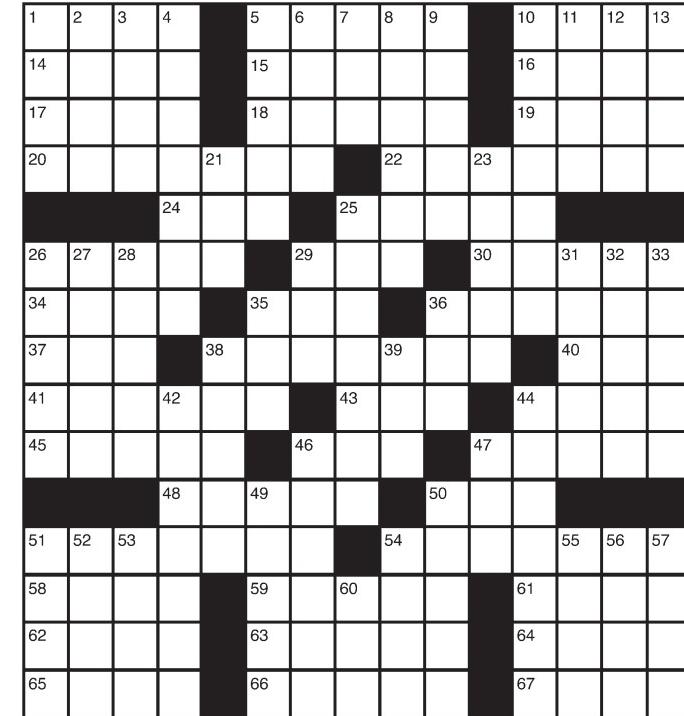
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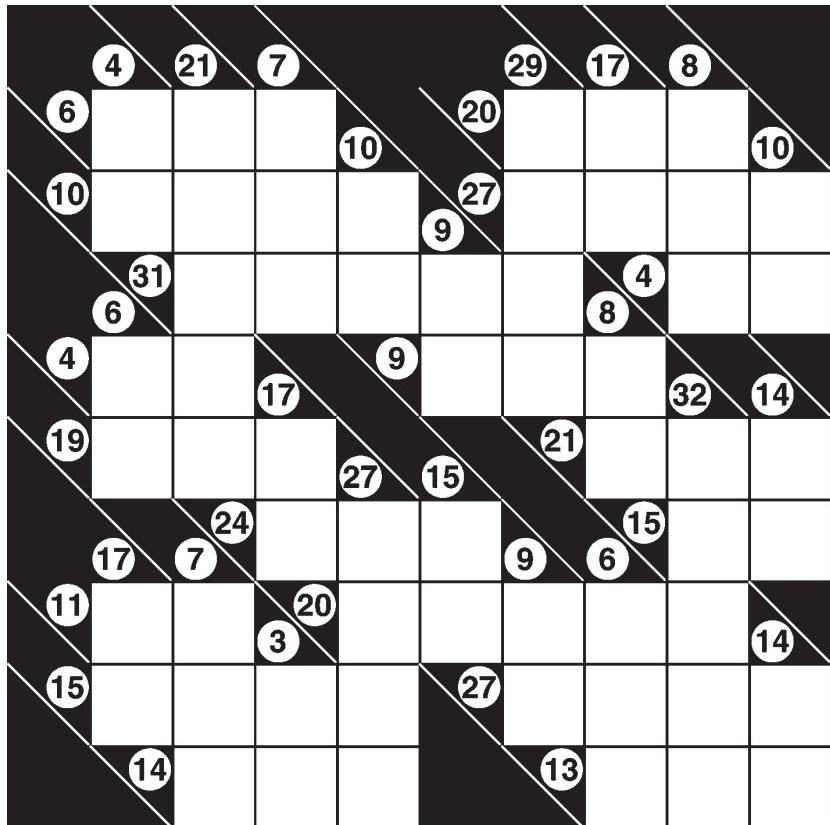
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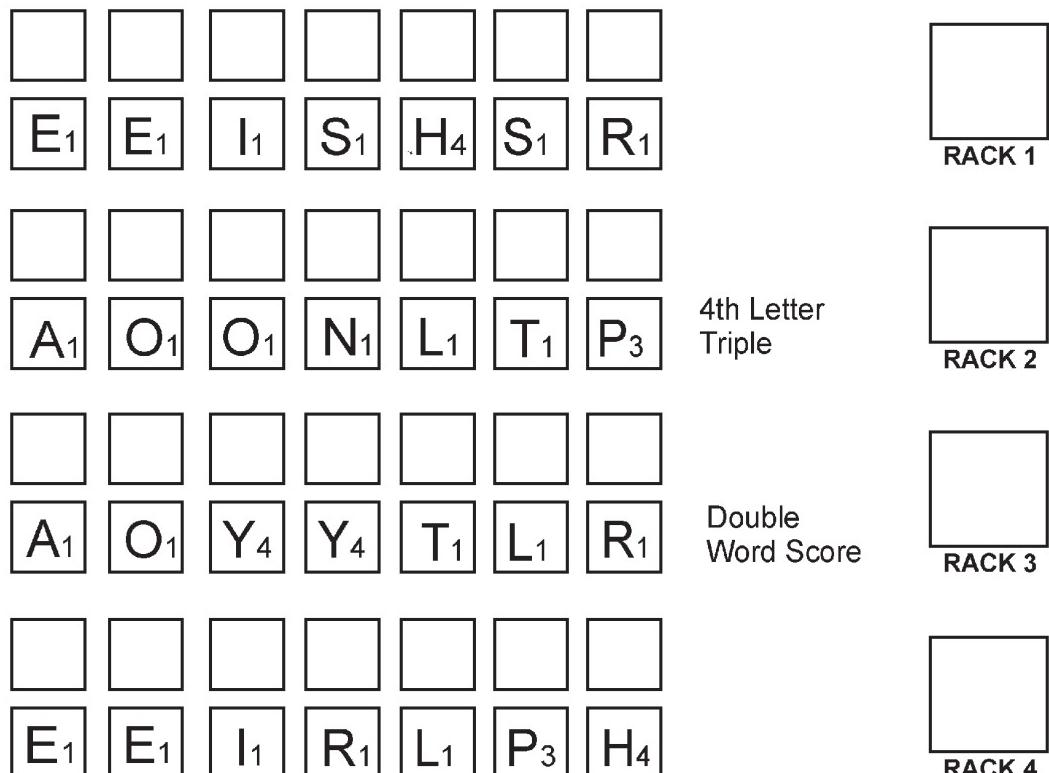
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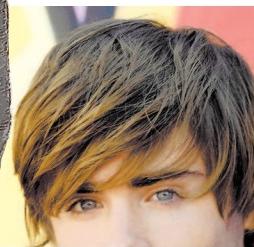
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'HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL' VS. 'FAME'

## High school rocks

"High School Musical's" Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens have cornered the singing-and-dancing teen scene for years. But the "Fame" remake opens this weekend to challenge the Disney franchise for the fancy footwork crown. "Fame" follows a group of artsy students as they navigate personal and professional triumphs at the New York City High School of Performing Arts. "High School Musical" is about a popular jock and his brainy girlfriend figuring out their place in the clique hierarchy of their New Mexico school. In both flicks, students occasionally break out in song (naturally). But which musical has the most staying power? RedEye breaks it down. ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE



Zac Efron, Zac Efron's bangs (above)

"We're All in This Together," "Breaking Free"

Troy and Gabriella don't even kiss till "HSM3"

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"HSM3" earned VMAs, and Teen and Kids' Choice Awards



### STAR POWER



Kelsey Grammer, Megan Mullally (above) and a bunch of unknowns



### SIGNATURE SONGS



"Fame" (duh), "Out Here on My Own"



### REALISM



Trailer shows fights with parents and teens leaning in for a smooch



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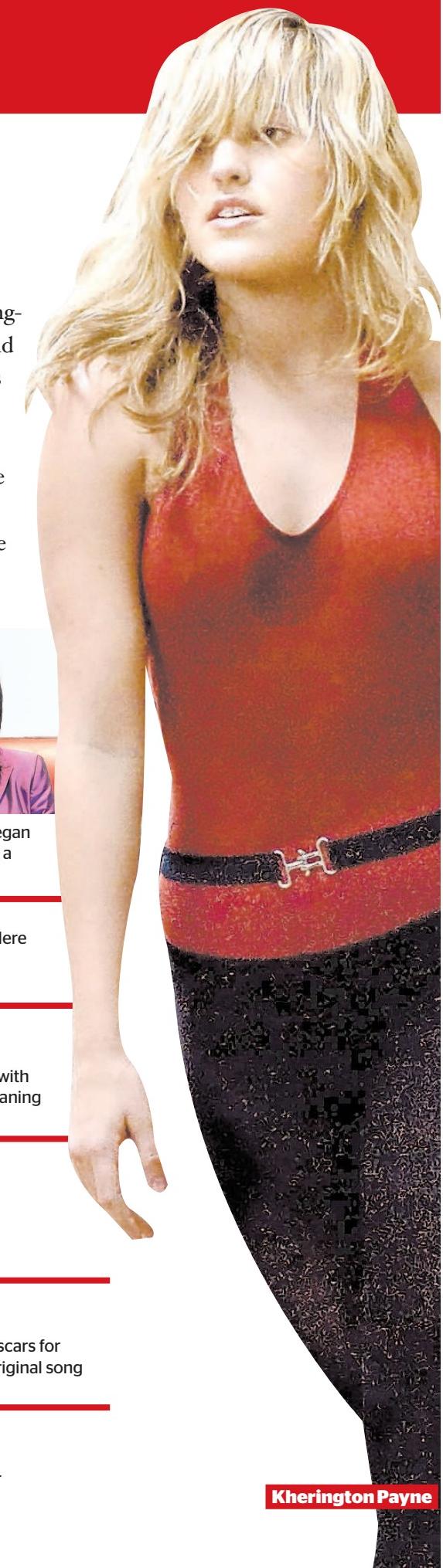
### AWARDS



1980 version won Oscars for original score and original song

### THE WINNER: HSM

Teens don't care about the Oscars! "High School Musical" and its multimillion-dollar empire is untouchable—at least until Efron signs up for "Fame 2."



**Zac Efron**  
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**Kherington Payne**

# red hot



## The Blago show

Jon Stewart's take on former Gov. Rod Blagojevich: Love the hair, but not the claims of innocence.

Blago was in the hot seat on Thursday's episode of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," getting grilled by Stewart as he promoted his memoir and asserted his innocence to corruption charges.

"Would a guilty man say, 'Listen to all the tapes,' or would an innocent man say, 'Here are the tapes?' My accusers won't let you hear them," Blago said.

"I mean no disrespect," Stewart replied. "People can convince themselves of a lot of things."

Stewart drew laughs throughout the interview.

"I want to believe you," he said. "You're a charming dude with the best head of hair I've ever [bleeping] seen ... but it's hard to believe."

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### HOT DIGIT

## 1 million

Approximate number of viewers for this week's episode of The CW's "The Beautiful Life," according to the Los Angeles Times. By comparison, executive producer Ashton Kutcher has roughly 3.7 million followers on Twitter. The show stars Sara Paxton (right).



### Double trouble

Get ready for more screaming—Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox and David Arquette are all on board for "Scream 4," the first in a new trilogy of the self-aware horror franchise, Variety reports. The flick will start production in the spring, the industry news site reports, and the studio is in talks to bring back director Wes Craven.

### THE VELVET ROSE

#### Family guy?

Vince Vaughn says he has accepted the end of his wild bachelor days. "It's the first time that I really want to have kids," the engaged Lake Forest native told [people.com](http://people.com). "I've been very fortunate in my career, and my life has been about that for so long that you get bored of it. You're ready for your life to be about other people and other things."

**Vaughn**  
AP FILE

#### When inspiration strikes

Writing songs is a lot like answering the call of nature, Travis front man Fran Healy says. "You can do it anywhere," he tells [billboard.com](http://billboard.com), "but sometimes it's nice to do it in a nice, cozy toilet rather than in the bushes." Well, that's one way to make a point.



**Stewart**



**Simpson**

#### Martha culpa

Martha Stewart might be crafting a homemade apology card for Jessica Simpson this weekend. The media queen, who criticized Simpson for not watching her dog more closely when it was snatched by a coyote last week, apologized on her TV show Thursday, [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) reports. "Jessica, I hope you find your pet, but if you don't, I'm really sorry that you lost one," she said.



**Campbell**